Availability of Life Saving Drugs

2824. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a pressing demand before Government to reduce prices of essential life saving idrugs and to ensure their availability n adequate quantity and at all times;

(b) whether a demand has also been made to strengthen the enforcement agency to ensure quality of drugs; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The requisite information has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2244 answered on 27-9-1990.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details would be collected from the Ministry of Health and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Post Graduate Allowance to Doctors of Indian Systems of Medicine

2825. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical graduates appointed to the posts of Medical Officers in CGHS for which possession of recognised post graduate qualification is not essential are given any post graduate allowance for possession of recognised post graduate diploma or degree;

(b) if so, whether similar allowance is also paid to Physicians and other medical officers in the Indian Systems of Medicine in CGHS for whom post graduate qualification has not been prescribed as an essentia qualification, but who possess a post graduate degree/diploma;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is as under:—

Post Graduate

	Degree	Diploma
	Rs.	Rs.
Allopathic Doctors .	200/-	100/-
ISM & Homoeopathic Doctors	100/-	50/-

(d) The question of enhancement of the rate of P.G. Allowance to I.S.M and Homoeopathy Physicians to bring it at per with the Allopathic doctors is under active consideration.

Ban on the use of Mono Sodium Glutamate

2826. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned appearance of kids in Maggie Noodle ads. to prevent their encouragement to consume Mono-Sodium Glutamate which has been involved in hyperactivity amongst children;

(b) whether Government propose for banning import, manufactrue and

use of Mono-Sodium Glutamate as has been done in several other countries; and

(c) whether it is a fact that sale and use of this chemical in the country is illegal; if so, what action is proposed to clarify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) A reference has been made to Ministry of Information & Broadcasting requesting that the advertisements of those foods which contain Mono-Sodium Glutamate be examined to ensure that pictures of children are not used for promoting the food products.

(b) and (c) No such ban has been contemplated under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. At present there is no manufacturer of this item in the country.

Lifting of samples by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi

2827. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi is conducting raids on the wholesalers/manufactureres of Pickles/Confectionery/Khoya/Silver leaves / Milk Powder/Milk Polypackers;

(b) if so, the number of samples lifted from them during the months of June, July and August, 1990; and

(c) the details of the samples lifted and further action proposed by the Government to lift their samples regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) As per information made available by Delhi Admn., the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi is conducting raids and taking samples of various food articles from wholesalers/manufacturers and retailers. No Sample from wholesalers/manufacturers of pickles/confectionery/khoya/silver leaves/milk powder/milk polypackers has been taken during the months of June, July and Aug., 1990, because the staff was deputed for checking hygienic conditions of food articles sold to public and for survey-cum-Educational Programme with a view to preventing outbreak of diarrhoeal and other diseases to reduce mortlaity and morbidity particularly among weaker sections of the Society. However, samples of various food articles have been lifted from retailers during the above said period, the details of which are given in statement (*See below*).

Statement

No. of samples lifted during the months of June, July and August, 1990

Category of Food Stuff	No. of Samples lifted
June, 1990	NIL
July, 1990	
Spices	1
Milk Product	3
Edible Oil	1
Cereal	13
Miscellaneous	1
TOTAL	19
August, 1990	
Beverages (Sweetened Carbonated Water)	6